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This binder contains 16 management plans developed under the Kamloops Area Management Planning Pilot Project. This project began in 1994 to develop, implement and evaluate a systems approach to management planning. The project concluded in October, 1996. The management plans contained in this binder provide long-term direction for a group of 10 Class A parks, five ecological reserves and one recreation area. The intention is to review this binder and the plans contained here at regular intervals. Plan vision statements and objectives will not change extensively over time. Management actions, however, will change as priorities, funding and support resources come available.

- ☐ Coldwater River Park
- ☐ Goldpan Park
- ☐ Juniper Beach Park
- ☐ Lac Le Jeune Park
- ☐ Marble Canyon Park
- ☐ McConnell Lake Park
- ☐ McQueen Creek Eco. Res.
- ☐ Monck Park
- ☐ Paul Lake Park
- ☐ Skihist Eco. Res.
- ☐ Skihist Park
- ☐ Skwaha Lake Eco. Res.
- ☐ Soap Lake Eco. Res.
- ☐ Steelhead Park
- ☐ Tranquille Eco. Res.
- ☑ Walloper Lake

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WALLOPER LAKE PROVINCIAL PARK

MANAGEMENT PLAN

INTRODUCTION

This management plan defines the role of Walloper Lake Park within the provincial park system and the objectives and guidelines for managing the resources and visitor use activities in the park.

The park role, objectives and zoning as stated in this plan cannot be contravened in meaning or intent without consultation with the public and approval of the District Manager and the Parks Management Committee (PMC). A five year business plan is included as appendix B to provide direction for management and development of the park. The business plan is subject to annual review and adjustments.

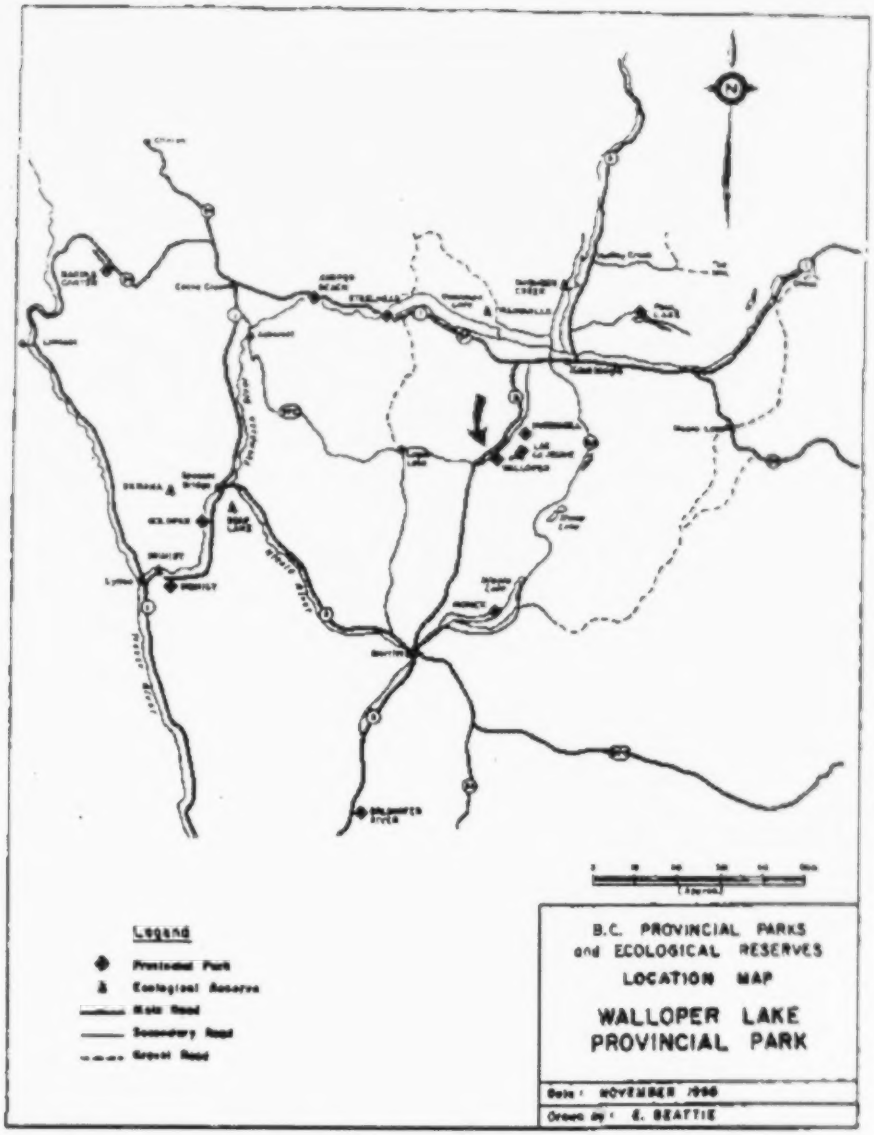
BACKGROUND

Location: Immediately south of the Coquihalla Highway Lac le Jeune - Logan Lake interchange.

Historical Perspective

In 1987, coinciding with the opening of the Phase 2 (Merritt to Kamloops) section of the Coquihalla Highway, the Land Act Reserves (UREP) on Walloper Lake were converted to provincial Class A Park status. Prior to that time Walloper Lake had been managed as a Forest Recreation site, but the strategic location of the site led to interagency agreement that it would be ideally suited to eventually serve tourist day use travel needs on the Coquihalla Highway while retaining regional day use opportunities.

With concerns that the close proximity of the highway would lead to overloading of the site with transient use, the new park site was closed to camping and travellers were instead directed to use the Lac le Jeune campground. Since that time, the park has been managed as a low profile day use facility, catering mostly to regional use.


Legend
Provincial Park
Ecological Reserve
Main Road
Secondary Road
Gravel Road
B.C. PROVINCIAL PARKS
and ECOLOGICAL RESERVES
LOCATION MAP
WALLOPER LAKE
PROVINCIAL PARK
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Protected Area Values

Conservation:

Partial representation of montane spruce forests and plateau lake setting of the Southern Thompson Uplands Ecosection; Park boundaries encompass much of the natural shoreline and upland around lake.

Recreation:

Pleasant lake setting for day use opportunities with potential for campground development.

Provides access to a locally significant fishery suited to families and anglers who wish to catch numerous, relatively small size (1/2 kg) trout.

Cultural:

No known archaeological or other cultural values.

Other Agency Interests

BC Environment is involved with fisheries management of Walloper Lake and maintains an aerator to prevent fish winter kill.

Private Sector Interests

No known private interests in the Park.

First Nations Interests

No known native interests in the Park

Existing Land Uses and Encumbrances

Walloper Lake is a licensed storage reservoir used in support of irrigation licences:

Conditional Water Licence 14832 issued to Noel Mitchell to divert and use water from lake

Conditional Water Licence 14833 issued to Noel Mitchell to store water in lake in conjunction with CWL 14832

Conditional Water Licence 67326 issued to Fisheries Branch to divert and use water from Lake and Melba Creek for maintenance of fish spawning conditions

ROLE OF THE PARK

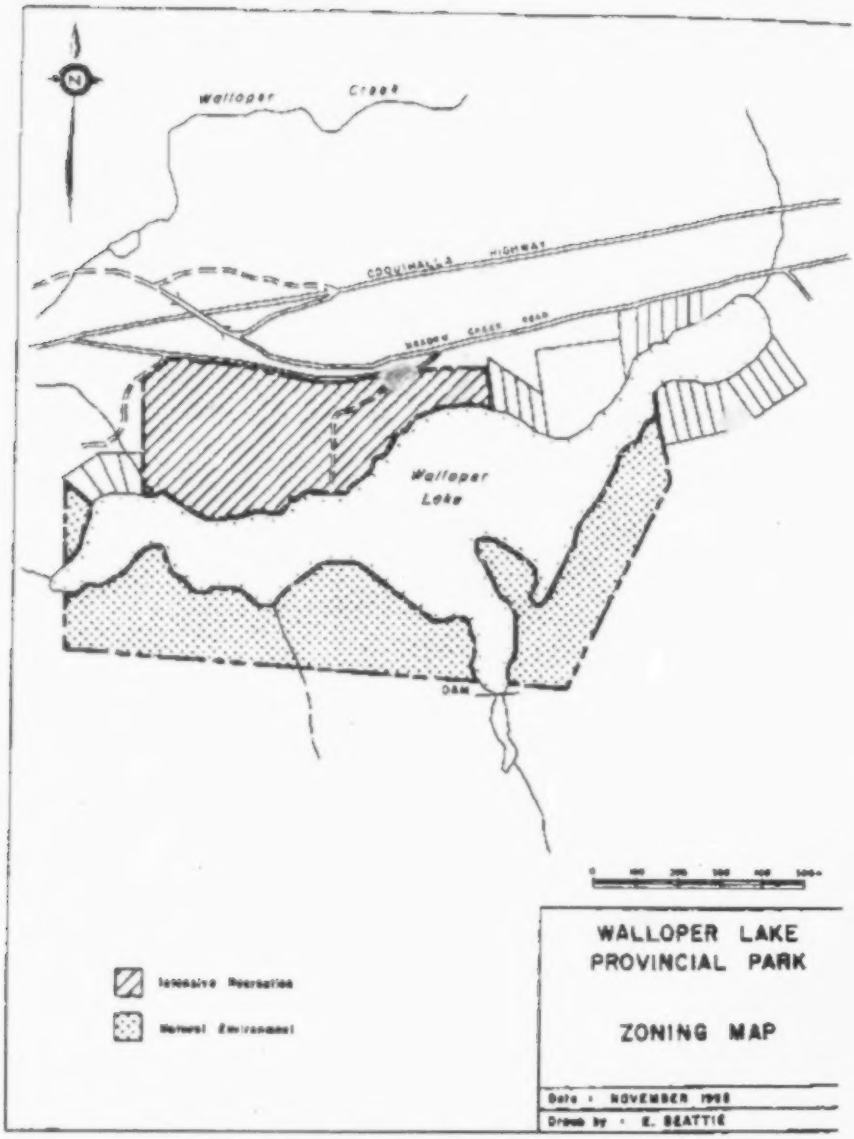
For the foreseeable future, Walloper Lake Provincial Park will continue to fulfil its present roles:

For Conservation

- To protect a representative example of montane spruce forest conditions and a plateau lake setting of the Southern Thompson uplands.
- To maintain a locally significant recreation fishery.

For Recreation

- To provide opportunities relating primarily to regional day use. Recreation activities will include fishing, canoeing, boating and picnicking.
- To maintain the land base as future option for campground, and summer and winter day use facility developments.


Walloper Creek
COQUIHALLA HIGHWAY
Walloper Lake
DAM
Intensive Recreation
Natural Environment
WALLOPER LAKE
PROVINCIAL PARK
ZONING MAP
Date : NOVEMBER 1988
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VISION STATEMENT

Walloper Lake Park will continue to serve as a low profile day use site serving primarily the local and regional population base.

ZONING

The park is separated into two zones:

Intensive Recreation

This zone sets limits for facility development and includes the existing day use site as well as land that may be developed for expanded day and/or campground use in the future.

Natural Environment

This zone takes in the remaining portions of the Park. The intent of this zone is to protect and maintain the natural forested conditions on the crown upland portions around the lake.

MANAGEMENT CONCERNS AND OBJECTIVES

Conservation

To co-ordinate with the Fish and Wildlife Branch in fisheries management at Walloper Lake to maintain a healthy and popular rainbow trout fishery.

To maintain natural, undeveloped conditions in the natural environment zone and to protect adjoining riparian and shoal habitats.

To protect the integrity of natural plant and animal species and communities found in the park. Infestations of noxious weeds will be controlled and fire outbreaks will be suppressed. Native insect and disease species will be accepted as a normal course of nature, unless there is potential impact to the surrounding commercial forest land base.

Recreation

To maintain the present fishery catering primarily to families and anglers who enjoy opportunity to easily (relatively) catch small fish.

To maintain day use facilities at low profile and informal (service level 4 - see appendix A) standards. A primary objective is to limit vehicle use and impacts to the immediate day use facility site. The site will not be signed directly off of Meadow Creek Road.

To maintain options in the intensive use zone for possible future expansion of day use and development of campground facilities.

Appendix A - Service Level Explanation

BC Parks service levels provide a method of defining the facilities, information and services which the public can expect within the BC Provincial Parks system. The service levels do not include any measure of the capacity or use of the area, operating standards, or resource management issues. Instead, they are strictly a list of the key facilities and services that may be provided within a particular campground or day-use area. They also provide an opportunity to explore and understand the relationship between the facilities and services BC Parks offers and the expectations of the users or potential users. This will help in making decisions based on the type and grade of facilities and services that BC Parks plans to provide and their associated costs.

Table 1. Campground Service Levels Attributes

Attribute	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Facilities				
• Roads	paved	paved	usually gravel	gravel, dirt or none
• Toilets	flush	usually flush	pit	pit or none
• Water system	pressure	pressure	pressure or handpump	not usually supplied
• Campsites	standard design	standard design	standard design	informal (non-standard)
• Tables	Type I	Type I	Type I or II	Type II
• Sani-station	available	available	not usually available	not available
• Showers	available	not available	not available	not available
Information				
• Park entrance sign	portal or plaque	plaque	plaque or Type A	Type A
• Campground entrance sign	Type A	Type A	Type A	Type A or none
• Visitor centre	usually available	not available	not available	not available
• Information structures	information shelter	information shelter	single signs	single sign or no information
Services				
• Public telephone	usually available	usually available	not usually available	not available
• Garbage collection	minimum daily	minimum daily	minimum weekly	not usually available
• Security	up to 24 hour	routine patrols	occasional patrols	no patrols
• Visitor programs	available	possibly available	not usually available	not available

Table 2. Day-use Areas Service Level Attributes

Attribute	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Facilities				
• Roads	paved	paved	usually gravel	gravel , dirt or none
• Toilets	flush	usually flush	pit	pit on none
• Water system	pressure	pressure	handpump	not usually supplied
• Tables	Type I	Type I	Type II	Type II or none
• Change House	available (if suitable for swimming)	available (if suitable for swimming)	not usually available	not available
Information				
• Park entrance sign	portal or plaque	plaque	plaque or Type A	Type A
• Day-use Areas entrance sign	Type A	Type A	Type A	Type A or none
• Visitor centre	usually available	not available	not available	not available
• Information Structures	information shelter	information shelter	single signs	single sign or no information
Services				
• Public Telephone	usually available	usually available	not usually available	not available
• Garbage Collection	minimum daily	minimum daily	minimum weekly	not usually available

APPENDIX "B" FIVE YEAR BUSINESS PLAN

Walloper Lake

Goal:	To identify, maintain and protect the park's natural and cultural resources.
Action:	Develop a resource management plan
Goal:	Improve day use facilities.
Action:	Prepare a development plan and secure funding.
Goal:	Maintain a fishery.
Action:	Manage cooperatively with fisheries branch.